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Couple thankful for support following house fire

by JENN WATT
Editor

Sharon and Rob Luke were on their dock enjoying the hot afternoon sun on holiday Monday when a man in a boat pulled up in front of them.

"He's looking at us really strange and he says 'I think your house is on fire,'" Sharon Luke said. "We went, what? We turned around and looked and saw all this big, black billowing smoke just belching out from behind the roofline."

They ran up to the house to see what they could do, but Sharon said it was too hot and smoky to salvage much. She picked up her laptop and cellphone, which were on the back deck.

"We ended up standing over on a neighbour's property, just watching everything burn," she said.

The Minden Hills Fire Department received a call at around 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 5 that the house, which was on Tilley Trail off of Horseshoe Lake Road, was on fire.

Fire chief Mike Bekking said when they arrived, fire had engulfed the structure, spreading to some trees. Mutual aid was requested

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A firefighter works to put out hotspots on a Tilley Trail property off Horseshoe Lake Road on Monday, Aug. 5. The Minden Hills Fire Department got the call at around 3:30 p.m. The Haliburton Fire Department attended to provide assistance. The cause of the fire isn't yet known. /JENN WATT Staff

The Lapine Lap paints the way to gallery

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Art lovers visiting the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to take in the permanent Andre Lapine collection housed there will now be guided by Lapine's work along the way.

Six of Lapine's pieces are adorning buildings throughout the downtown area of the village, telling the story of the man born in

what is now known as Latvia, who brought his life and art to Minden.

The Lapine Lap is a self-guided walking tour that brings participants to murals by the artist, which are featured at Riverview Furniture, Up River Trading Co., Shaw Studios, the Dominion Hotel, the former Beaver Theatre and Molly's Bistro Bakery.

The tour, funded by main street revitalization initiative money from the province, takes about 30 minutes to complete and ends at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, which holds

more than 100 paintings by Lapine.

"You may be wondering, how did an internationally renowned artist begin painting fields in Minden? Our story is just getting started..." begins the tour. Lapine was born into a part of Russia in 1866, studied at the Imperial Academy of Petrograd before spending years in France and Holland, spent time at the prestigious St. Lucius Society and immigrated to Canada in 1905 – first to Manitoba, and then Toronto in

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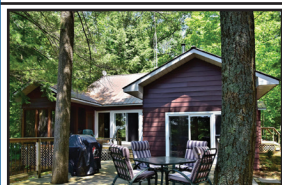
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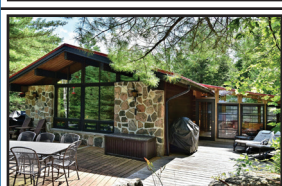
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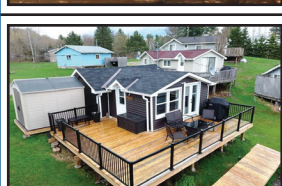
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MH forgoes funding application

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

In a tie vote broken by Mayor Brent Devolin at a July 25 council meeting, Minden Hills council opted to not submit an application for federal help through the disaster mitigation and adaptation fund.

Eligible projects under the DMAF include new construction of public infrastructure including natural infrastructure; and modification and/or reinforcement including rehabilitation and expansion of existing public infrastructure including natural infrastructure.

"Eligible investments aim to reduce the socio-economic, environmental and cultural impacts of natural hazards and extreme weather events when considering current and potential future climate change impacts," reads the funding's eligibility guidelines. "Projects must meet at least one of the national significance criteria, including reducing impacts on: critical infrastructure and essential services; health and safety of Canadians; significant disruptions in economic activity; costs of recovery and replacement; vulnerable regions."

In presenting the opportunity to council, treasurer/CAO Lorrie Blanchard noted the funding criteria that projects must have a minimum of \$20 million in eligible expenditures, including costs of design and planning, capital cost, and costs related to meeting specific program requirements, but also allowed for project bundling, which the fund criteria information page stated meant "including multiple assets that work in a complementary manner to reduce the risk within the same time period." The DAMF offers up to 40 per cent cost-sharing.

Travis Wilson, director of public works, wondered if the township could work with the county on bundling projects based on the results of a planned LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) flood plain study.

Devolin said the LIDAR mapping project could not be done last fall because of weather, and is planned instead to happen this fall.

"Even if it does get done this year, it's going to take over a year to crunch the data so you can actually do something with it," he said. "The reality is, we can throw something at the wall, but I would say, conservatively, we're two years from today knowing with any technicalities what that should be."

Councillors brainstormed projects that might qualify for funding through the application, including any potential issues with waste management or the water treatment plant that had occurred because of flooding. Councillor Jean Neville raised the idea of an aquadam, a temporary barrier used for flood protection.

"This would fall under, I imagine, more scrutiny than the National Disaster Mitigation Program applications would," said Wilson, of a program which denied funding to the

township for another project recently. "They need to see a permanent fix, a permanent structure or fix, you know, if you're building an actual permanent levee or something like that."

Devolin said the funding application, with a deadline of Aug. 1, had "unfortunate timing." "To me, the timing of this, we're just not in a position to do this, and we're probably a couple years away from really knowing how to sink our feet into something like this," he said.

Councillor Pam Sayne agreed, but said she thought it was beneficial to put an application in and request something at this point, hoping to get what she called critical projects including rehabilitation of Sunnybrook Bridge and sewage treatment infrastructure on "somebody's radar through an application." She acknowledged that work done on the bridge now might look different after results of the LIDAR scan. Councillor Bob Carter also suggested applying for work to be done on Sunnybrook Bridge. Wilson said that work done on the bridge to support it withstanding high water levels wouldn't deal with the public safety hazard issue of keeping water out of the downtown area and said he didn't think the bridge work was one to seek funding help on.

"This application is looking for modification or reinforcement including rehab and expansion of existing public infrastructure including natural infrastructure so I just don't think that falls into that category," he said.

"It's critical infrastructure, essential service, it's a significant disruption to economic activity if it's not done," said Carter.

"I guess in my eyes it is critical infrastructure yes, the work we're doing to it is more preventative maintenance than it is, the bridge is going to fall down, let's do it now," said Wilson.

Neville said the bridge had been compromised because of the high water due to floods.

"It has been deteriorating anyway, why not go for something rather than nothing?" she asked. "All they can say is no."

Devolin said he thought applying for funding hastily could affect the township later if they applied for something considered "bonafide." Councillor Jennifer Hughey asked if there was a financial cost to applying, which Wilson said there was not.

"I just think if there's no cost, obviously your time is very valuable and I appreciate it immensely, but if there's no financial [cost] we're adding to it on top of your time, then there's nothing wrong with taking a risk, to submit an application," she said. "And if you need help, I'll happily help you."

Sayne, Neville and Hughey voted yes to submitting an application, while Nesbitt, Carter and Schell voted no, Schell at first saying she hadn't decided, and then voting no based on staff's recommendation. Devolin broke the 3-3 tie with a no.

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Self-guided tour marries art and history

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1907, where he worked at Brigden's Ltd.

"Brigden's was one of the largest commercial art studios in Toronto, creating illustrations for Simpson's and Eaton's catalogues. Lapine became very well-known for his hyper-realistic illustrations of lace and fur. His popularity quickly grew in the arts community," reads the tour.

Lapine's work was regularly featured in the *Toronto Star* and he was a member of the Ontario Society of Artists and the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts. His art was purchased by the National Gallery of Canada and Art Gallery of Ontario, and he was a contemporary of members of the Group of Seven. After being struck by a car, Lapine as a patient met Dr. Agnes Jamieson at St. Joseph's Hospital in Toronto and began a friendship that would continue when they both moved to Minden, Jamieson practising out of the current location of Shaw Studios, and Lapine working through recovery on Billy Hamilton's farm on South Lake.

"[Lapine] came to Canada just as the Group of Seven were transplanting Impressionism to the Canadian scene," reads the tour, quoting Malloney's Art Gallery in Toronto. "He saw Impressionism rise and wane in Europe and then rise and wane in Canada. He had close, personal contacts with the great masters of both movements, knew what they were doing and why they were doing it. There is probably no painter in the world today who has had the unique opportunity to live in the very midst of two such vital and important artistic revolutions."

Jamieson and Lapine left a lasting impression on the town, and Emily Stonehouse said it was soon after she joined Minden Hills township in the role of economic development, marketing and destination officer and supervisor at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre that she was struck by the Lapine collection with the same "mesmerizing element" she felt when she took in the works of the Group of Seven growing up.

"In a weird way, I was like, this is marketable," she said. "This is kind of a twist on something that we have, and this is also something I can market to our community as something that is original and exclusive to our space ... I want something that's rooted in our own heritage, that still adds that pop of colour. Something that's a little bit different."

With collaboration through Tammy Rea, Laurie Carmount, and Kathy Sweeney, the inaugural murals of the project are being hung this week.

Rea brought to Stonehouse's attention the app, PocketSights, that enables a user to access the tour through a smartphone in a completely accessible way, available to those with hearing or visual impairments, visually or audibly guiding the participant through town. The app offers walking tours in unique places around the world, including the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, dysART 150 Trail and Haliburton County Studio Tour, locally.

Carmount, curator of Agnes Jamieson Gallery, helped to



Emily Stonehouse, economic development, marketing and destination officer, stands with a mural of Andre Lapine's *Forest Interior* outside of the Dominion Hotel on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden on Aug. 1. The mural is one of six points of interest on The Lapine Lap self-guided walking tour, which leads participants to six locations throughout downtown Minden, leading to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery where more than 100 Lapine works are held. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

source and recommend Lapine pieces for murals that suit the space they're in. "She was on board because she loves Lapine," said Stonehouse. "So she was excited to talk about [the works in the collection] and their full potential, and be able to expose them in the way that they deserve to be recognized."

Sweeney, from County Sign & Display who constructed the murals, was ready to work on the project from the get-go, and did so in a timely manner, according to Stonehouse. "[County Sign & Display] made sure it was really high-res photos, you can see on all of them, there's detail right into the brushstroke," she said.

And though the project is beginning with six Lapine pieces that are evenly spaced throughout the downtown core, it can expand into more, pulling from the diverse collection that includes sketches as well as the more colourful work.

"I needed it to be eye-catching, needed your eye to float there naturally," said Stonehouse. "As people kind of familiarize themselves with what these are and who he is, because I think it's important to tell his story, we can kind of expand upon that a little bit and start to see a little bit how in-depth he was."

The paintings featured correlate to Lapine, but also to the community. For example, Mill Scene, which is hung at the former Beaver Theatre, shows an image of Minden past as well as present. "The one over on Beaver Theatre, that's on the log run, the tree line is almost the exact same tree line as it is behind the Beaver Theatre, when you look at it," said Stonehouse. "It's like this multi-dimensional kind of thing, because that's where they would have done the logging."

The combination of art and history makes for a tour that can be interesting to visitors as well as local residents.

"It was really just an attempt to add a pop of colour but

also to bring our history to life and do something that the whole community could connect with," said Stonehouse. "It's something that locals or visitors can do. It's a tourist attraction but it's highlighting local heritage."

One part of the tour notes that residents of Minden Hills today still remember Lapine walking the streets with paintbox in hand. "I think he's a really interesting person, he really contributed to the fibre of this community and I just think that it's important to tell his story because it kind of connects a lot of us in more ways than we know," said Stonehouse.

At the end of the tour, visitors find themselves next door to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road, where the Lapine collection can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday, and on the same street as the Minden cemetery where Lapine, who died in 1952, is buried alongside his wife.

"The whole tour does lead up to the cultural centre, so no matter what, if people want to go in, that's your final stop and suddenly you have his whole collection at your fingertips," said Stonehouse. Even as she stands downtown on Minden's main street on a weekday morning, people approach Stonehouse to ask about the paintings.

"I feel really proud because in this role, it's such a new role, that seeing these little tangible differences, it feels good, and feels good the community is supportive and happy to work alongside," said Stonehouse. "And I think they look good."

For more information about The Lapine Lap self-guided walking tour, visit <https://pocketsights.com/tours/tour/Minden-The-Lapine-Lap-3319>.

For more information about the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, visit <https://mindenhills.ca/agnes-jamieson-art-gallery/>.

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Report recommends new Taste of Haliburton brand

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

A report stemming from a food forum hosted by Harvest Haliburton that took place in Minden earlier this year makes a number of recommendations for establishing a sustainable food system in Haliburton County.

A host of stakeholders – from municipal councillors and staff to farmers to restaurant owners to tourism promoters to environmentalists – gathered in the Minden Hills Community Centre to take part in the well-attended forum in March. The day included presentations, as well as interactive discussions and brainstorming activities.

A report based on the day and compiled by consultant Melissa Johnston was recently released and makes six main recommendations. The first is to create a Taste of Haliburton brand that markets local food to both residents and visitors. The second is the establishment of an online information hub that allows people to search for and locate locally produced foods. Another recommendation is to review policies and regulations, including municipal bylaws, that may hinder local food production, and another is to explore the feasibility of a local food distribution model. Creating an agricultural economic development committee for the County of Haliburton is the report's fifth recommendation, and the sixth to put

climate change and food security at the forefront of all food-related initiatives.

"Food is central to our lives, and for Haliburton County, it is equally critical to seize on opportunities with its own local food system," Johnston said in a release from Harvest Haliburton. "The economic development opportunities are abundant."

That Haliburton County is already a tourist destination should aid the creation of a sustainable food system.

"Let's capitalize on this area being a tourist destination and make a Taste of Haliburton central to the experience given to visitors," Johnston said. "It's really a no-brainer."

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit points out there are numerous benefits to consuming locally produced food.

"Eating local benefits all of us, is good for our community and is great for the environment and local economy," Elsie Azevedo Perry, a public health nutritionist with the health unit, said in the release. "In general, local food tends to be fresher, more flavourful and full of nutrients, and does not need to travel great distances to get here."

Harvest Haliburton plans to present the report to municipal councils this fall, as well as host a roundtable discussion with stakeholders in order to develop action plans on each of the recommendations.

The full report can be found on the Harvest Haliburton website at www.harvesthaliburton.com.

Fair ambassador prepares for CNE competition

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Last year's Kinmount Fair ambassador is ramping up for the ambassador competition at this summer's Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

Growing up and living in Bobcaygeon until he moved away to attend university, John Dewhurst told the *Times* he was always fascinated with the Bobcaygeon Fair.

"It was something I looked forward to as a kid," says the 22-year-old, who just completed an undergraduate degree in mathematics at the University of Waterloo and is set to undertake graduate studies in math at the University of Guelph this fall. While when he was younger he was attracted mostly to the entertainment and the midway, "As I got older, I came to appreciate more of the livestock stuff," he says. While Dewhurst doesn't have an agricultural background himself, agriculture is something he's come to learn more about in recent years.

His inaugural visit to the Kinmount Fair was about five years ago, and he was impressed at the scope of its offerings.

"It's quite large for being in such a small town," Dewhurst says. Taking place each Labour Day Weekend, the Kinmount Fair is one of the largest fairs in the province, attracting thousands upon thousands of visitors each year.

Since that first visit, Dewhurst has become a volunteer with the fair, helping with a number of programs. He also helped fair organizers to come up with the fair's new website.

"During the fair, I'm on the ground, helping," he says.

Dewhurst was the lone entrant in last year's Kinmount Fair ambassador contest, essentially being acclaimed to the role.

"They didn't have any interest in their ambassador program," he says, adding he thinks that's too bad, since the experience allows an opportunity to work on one's public speaking, as well as make connections with people around the province. Dewhurst also notes that contestants need not necessarily be residents of Kinmount, and that the local com-



John Dewhurst, the Kinmount Fair ambassador from last fall, will participate at the CNE's ambassador's competition later this month. /PHOTO SUBMITTED

petition includes a larger area encapsulating areas such as Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon.

"It's a pretty big geographic area," he says.

As part of being the ambassador for the Kinmount Fair, Dewhurst gets to attend a convention by the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies, in addition to his appearance at the CNE. The agricultural competition at this year's exhibition runs Aug. 16 to 18.

Contestants must give a one-minute speech, choosing from a list of topics they are presented with, as well as an "elevator speech," promoting themselves and the reasons why they should be made CNE ambassador. They are also interviewed by a panel of judges.

Such competitions are traditionally populated largely with female contestants, and Dewhurst is asked if he believes being one of the few male competitors – there are three in this year's CNE, he says – might give him some kind of advantage.

"It certainly is something, you don't see as many of them," he says, but adds he thinks it bears no real advantage and that ultimately, it comes down to the answers participants give the judges. "I wish everyone luck that's going."

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Fire department responded quickly to blaze

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from the Haliburton Fire Department, which sent eight firefighters to join the 10 from Minden.

Bekking said they worked first to contain the blaze, so it wouldn't spread to the neighbours' properties and surrounding trees, and then they turned their attention to putting out the hotspots.

Sharon Luke praised the fire department, saying they arrived quickly and she was grateful they stopped the flames from spreading to her neighbours' houses.

The couple lost vehicles, a garage, pontoon boat, and their home in the fire. While some things can be replaced, others cannot including recent and historical family photos and memorabilia.

"I have all the information on Ancestry [website]. So, the data is there, but like my

grandmother's nursing certificate from the 1920s, her marriage certificate. All of those nice things, you know? It's all gone," Sharon said.

Rob Luke built the house in 1981 with the couple putting an addition on in 1991.

"He watched 38 years go up in smoke," Sharon said of her husband. "He built the house and we did the addition together. He did all the construction and everything himself."

The Lukes are currently living in a fifth wheel trailer, but may have to find other accommodations.

"We intend to rebuild, but how long that's going to take, I don't know," Sharon said. "We may end up having to hunt for an apartment or a place to stay. The fifth wheel is good as long as the weather's good. But it's not a permanent housing situation."

Rob and Sharon were the only ones at the

house at the time of the fire and are both OK. Sharon went to the hospital to be checked after breathing in smoke, but is fine, she said. Their cat, which was missing on Monday, was found and is being boarded in Minden.

Sharon said the community has been generous with donations and supportive of the family.

"People have been amazing because really everybody is so warm-hearted and everybody really steps up and lets you know you're cared about and sometimes you don't know what to say, but you really appreciate the sentiment," she said.

"A heartfelt thank you to everybody."

Firefighters from Minden Hills and Dysart et al work to put out hotspots following a fire on Tilley Trail, off of Horseshoe Lake Road in Minden Hills on Monday, Aug. 5. /JENN WATT Staff




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Two lanes

THE WEEKEND before last I was driving northbound on Highway 35, just north of Carnarvon, with a long, steady stream of southbound traffic in the other lane. As I came over a rise in the hilly stretch between the hamlet and the Beech River, coming toward me in my lane was a large, black pickup truck, boat in tow, the driver attempting to make a pass where he should not have been.

I slammed on my brakes, coming to a complete stop, and remained stationary. The other driver, realizing he was not going to make the pass he was attempting, slowed, and had to be let back into the southbound lane by another driver, since the line of traffic was so thick. I just sat there staring from behind my steering wheel.

Just minutes earlier during that same trip, I'd passed the site of a collision on the highway in Minden. It looked relatively minor, and was fresh enough that a citizen was directing traffic as police and EMS were showing up. There were a few collisions that weekend, including one that was fatal, and there have been a number since.

July and August are of course boom time in Haliburton County, its year-round population of some 18,000 ballooning to 60,000 or more, depending on the day, with a massive influx of seasonal residents and visitors. Its normally quiet roads can become densely packed with vehicles, many of those vehicles seemingly in a

big rush to get wherever they are going. Driving well above 100 kilometres an hour is of course common practice on multi-lane, 400-series highways, and aggressive driving in the city is basically necessary if one hopes to get anywhere at all. However, those techniques don't always translate well to the roads and "highways" of the Haliburton Highlands, which are not paved to the same level as multi-lane highways, and, with the exception of a few stretches of Highway 35, are two-lane roads where drivers sharing the same stretch of asphalt are headed in opposite directions. What would amount to a sideswipe on a 400-series highway can become a head-on collision on a two-lane highway.

Certainly, traffic to and from cottage country seems to only get thicker each year. I spent part of the civic long weekend southwest of the GTA, and driving back to the county Monday night, was astounded by the unceasing lines of city-bound cars along highways 48, 12 and 35. Thousands and thousands of them.

With such volumes of traffic, it's understandable that people want to do their best to minimize their commute time. However, moving up a few spaces in an unimaginably long line of cars, or shaving a few minutes off a two- or three-hour journey really isn't worth the damage that can come with risky manoeuvres on two-lane highways.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

Peaceful Sunday. /JENN WATT Staff

Licence to fill

THE OTHER DAY I checked online and found out that I had been successful in the deer antlerless tag allocation draw for the upcoming season. In plain English, this means I have a doe tag this year.

Many non-hunters wonder why people like me are so happy when we get doe tags. Well, one reason is it means that we can now at least double our chances of filling the freezer because any deer that walks by is fair game. Most times, in fact, we do more than double our chances.

There have been seasons where I have seen 10 does to every buck.

This is my first doe tag in at least four years so I'm feeling particularly lucky. For a good while I thought someone in the MNRF was doing psychological experiments on me – perhaps a study on how the average hunter reacts to seeing only antlerless deer when he or she does not have an antlerless tag.

Luckily, in all those years I did not have a doe tag, I was fortunate enough to harvest bucks. I suspect this made me the wrong guy for the initial study and therefore they gave me a doe tag for another study which analyzes what it will be like after a hunter sees the buck of a lifetime after harvesting a doe early in the season. Studies aside, there are other reasons why doe tags are valuable to the hunter. The main one is that having an antlerless tag makes the hunter more desirable to other hunt camps.

It works something like this. The hunter with the antlerless tag walks into a place where hunters gather and casually mentions that he has been allocated a doe tag.

Suddenly, word gets out.

This is the equivalent of a beautiful, single heiress to a massive fortune driving to a party of superficial bachelors in a brand new, fully loaded pickup truck that is towing a top of the line bass boat – complete with the finest rods, full tackle boxes and state of the art electronics.

The results are similarly predictable. Suddenly, several hunters from competing camps will be complimentary and buy the hunter with the antlerless tag coffees, doughnuts, or perhaps even roses.

They are not doing this out of the goodness of their hearts, or even as a way of saying congratulations. What they are really trying to communicate is "I do not have a doe tag but, if you agree to party hunt with us, I will place you in a horrible spot and fill your tag for you. And then we can share your doe."

As you can see, the heady allure of this gives the hunter with the antlerless tag many options. The one he or she should choose is to play coy.

This could mean indicating that maybe you will hunt with that group if your hunt doesn't pan out. Or it could mean getting a good lawyer and creating a contract that includes plenty of perks such as nightly pedicures, the best steaks, top stand locations and having coffee and a doughnut delivered every morning to the deer stand.

Needless to say, this only works if doe tags are scarce – or later in the season if you still have your antlerless tag and everyone else has filled theirs. Otherwise, you'll need to get your own coffee and doughnuts.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Rockin' the corn patch

I'M FOLLOWING the lead of Donnie Trump. I'm withdrawing from a treaty and building a wall.

I have to do it to stop thieving neighbours from stealing my corn. Every year, come late summer, they sneak into my garden at night and strip the cornstalks clean. Not a single cob left for me to enjoy.

I've tried to coexist peacefully with them, allowing them to roam my property freely. And this is how they treat me. Sneaking around at night with their masks, ringed bushy tails and nimble fingers.

So I have withdrawn from our treaty and am building a wall. What else could I do? This is not the United States so I can't just shoot them.

I bought several rolls of poultry fencing and have been busy stretching it around my modest corn patch. Now I am dreaming of the little bandits pacing back and forth outside the fence, whining about being locked away from those cobs of sweet golden kernels.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

I have given this much thought because, unlike Donnie Trump, I do not consider the enemy stupid. These bandits, in fact, are quite intelligent.

The Ojibwe people called them ahrah-koon-em, meaning they could do things with their hands, which have long, flexible fingers that

allow them to steal anything in sight.

These guys are so smart that some studies show that once they find a solution to a problem, they can remember it three years later. I have a hard time remembering day to day where I leave my car keys.

Back in 1908 the ethologist H. B. Davis found that raccoons were able to open 11 of 13 complex locks in fewer than 10 tries. Also, they could repeat the unlocking when the locks were rearranged or turned upside down.

They also have terrific memories for recalling places where they have found food, and travel long distances to return to those places. I witnessed that several years ago.

A raccoon was at our compost bin, banging and chewing and waking us up in the middle of the night. So I bought one of those no-hurt-'em cage traps, caught him and transported him several miles down the highway.

I left the trap armed and two days later I had another raccoon. He looked very familiar but I figured he was the other guy's brother or some other relative. I transported him down the highway.

Two days later another raccoon appeared in the trap.

"That's the same raccoon," my wife said.

"Impossible," I said, loading him into the boat to take him across the lake to the end of a deep bay where the forest is thick, wild and isolated.

We had peace for a few days. Then one morning I got up and found a raccoon in the trap.

"It is definitely the same guy," said my wife. "Look at the way he grins at you."

A heated debate ensued, ending when I said I would prove it was not the same raccoon returning time and again. I took an aerosol can of fluorescent orange paint, sprayed his tail and boated him to the end of the lake.

I figured I now had cleared my property of all raccoons, presumably that first guy and all his family.

Four or five days passed before my wife ran in to tell me the trap was filled again. Another raccoon, this one with an orange tail!

Friends tell me that my fencing efforts will fail because the raccoons will climb the chicken wire or tunnel under it. The prize on the other side is too tasty to ignore.

If they do get in I have another plan. I have read that if you put a portable radio near the corn patch they will stay away. It can't be tuned to a music station, however, because they love music to steal by.

It has to be tuned to an all-talk station, which fools them into thinking that live humans are guarding the patch.

There is no electricity at the garden and I am concerned about the batteries failing. I worry that I could arrive at the garden one morning, and find the batteries dead and the corn gone. Or arriving and finding the corn gone, and the radio playing rock 'n roll.

Plantar fasciitis

I AM GRATEFUL that I have not suffered from plantar fasciitis. I have known many people who have. It sounds painful and debilitating. Plantar fasciitis is the inflammation of the thick band of tissue, known as the plantar fascia, which runs across the bottom of the foot. Simply put, it connects your heel to your toes.

The role of a healthy plantar fascia is to help in the forward propulsion of the walking process as it tenses and releases during each step. Irritation and soreness results from this tissue spending too much time in the tension phase. The common causes of plantar fasciitis are obesity, flat feet, limited ankle mobility and weak foot/toe muscles.

Treatments for plantar fasciitis have included orthotics, corticosteroid injections and various physiotherapy practices such as ultrasound. In many situations these methods only provide temporary relief because the root of the problem is the immobility of the joints in hips, ankles and feet. Once those joints are freed from the restrictions true healing can begin.

Whether you're suffering from plantar fasciitis or not these activities are great to make part of a regular routine:

- Take your shoes (and socks when possible) off as much as you can. Wearing shoes with any kind of arch support (most shoes have some kind of arch support) is just as bad for the strength of your feet as is sitting down with them propped up. For a muscle to get or be strong it has to be loaded. Having arch support doesn't let that happen. Walk shoeless using your entire foot in each step every single day for as long as you are able. When you're sitting,

spread and wiggle your toes. You can also do a plantar fascia exercise by holding your toes (that part of your foot) in one hand and your heel in the other and twist them in opposite directions (wringing motion). It's a great way of loosening the tension that's built up in there.

- When you have to wear shoes choose ones with no heel, a wide toe box and that are as flexible as possible. This allows all of the muscles, ligaments and tendons of the foot to do what they are meant to do.

- Work on ankle flexibility by moving it in all of the directions it can go. This can be done while you're sitting. Flex your foot, point your toes and then rotate in both directions. Could it be any easier?

- The 90/90 position is great for hip mobility. Look it up online for direction on how to do it.

- Keep the muscles of your lower body flexible with a regular stretching routine (contact me at laurie@thepointforfitness.com for information).

It really does come down to keeping the body moving in all of the ways it was meant to move. The beautiful thing is that no matter how stiff and sore we may feel, the right type and amount of movement can fix things. I've discovered the hardest part is remembering to do the exercises on a regular basis. Thank goodness for these smart phones and their built-in alarms!

Something to think about.

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Book of the Month - August

Authors to Actors Coraline by Neil Gaiman



Coraline Jones isn't sure how she feels about her new home. "The Pink Palace" apartment complex is different from what she's used to (one big old house split up into pieces) and her new neighbours are a bit odd. But then she finds a door that may, or may not, lead to a brick wall... and after that, everything changes.

Winner of a slew of awards for both page and screen, Gaiman's story, adapted to film using stop-motion animation by Henry Selick, is a dark and fantastic adventure. Each iteration has a different feel, and even slightly different characters, but the message in this tale remains clear: Appreciate what you have. You never know when you might lose it.

Both versions are available at HCPL, with a young Dakota Fanning voicing Coraline in the film. Why not check out both and see which you like better?

Highland Yard more than just a race

by JENN WATT
Editor

Fifty children and 25 adults have benefited from the affordable housing Places for People provides since the Haliburton County charity began renting units in 2010. Currently, 12 adults and 21 kids live in the eight units spread across the four municipalities in the county.

"While it may not look like much, we think it's a really good start to solving the housing problem in Haliburton County," said Fay Martin, vice-president of the charity, before the beginning of their annual fundraiser, The Highland Yard.

Hundreds of people congregated by the River Cone in downtown Minden Sunday morning, ready to run, walk or wheel in the fundraising event, which offered 10-, five- and two-kilometre routes.

Jack Russel, chair of the Highland Yard committee, said the event was crucial to raising money for the work of Places for People.

"Places for People does more than just provide a roof, we provide a home and we provide a lot of support for our tenants to help them with their life goals and to assist them with their objectives. It's more than just a roof. It's a real home for them," he said.

The charity's definition of affordable is 80 per cent of average market rent, which means one-bedroom units are about \$700 and three- or four-bedroom homes are about \$1,100 a month. Rent supplements are available.

Russel recognized one of the top fundraisers, Dave Jones, who brought in more than \$5,000. Other top fundraisers include Susan Russel and Neil Campbell. The



Gary Clieff, who has been running the race for the last 42 years, made sure he wore his specially-made Heineken Yard 1977 T-shirt for the occasion. Clieff lives in Sarnia and has a place on Deep Bay Road and ran the 5K route this year.

The Highland Yard was once called the Heineken Yard, recognizing the beer company, which was at one time a sponsor. The

event was started by Onondaga Camp in 1971 and was taken over by Amici Camping Charity in 1986. In 2011, the camping char-

ity announced it would no longer be able to organize the race, at which point Places for People stepped in.

Gary Clieff, wearing a Heineken Yard 1977 T-shirt, has been running in the Minden event for the last 42 years. The Highland Yard was at one time called the Heineken Yard, named for the beer company that sponsored it. The event is now a fundraiser for Places for People, which provides affordable housing to families in the Haliburton Highlands. This year's event raised an estimated \$21,000. /JENN WATT Staff

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The Little Bob Lake Ice Cream Eating Team, aka the Kidon, Rumley, and Butt families, joined together to run the Highland Yard for the sixth year. Ray Kidon, back row second from left, said the team had representation from Barrie, Guelph, and of course, Minden.

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Left, Highland Yard organizer Jack Russel, right, holds the microphone for top fundraiser Dave Jones, who brought in more than \$5,000 in donations for Places for People, an affordable housing charity in the Highlands.

Above, the sunny Sunday morning offered pleasant running conditions for adults, kids and pets alike in the Highland Yard.

Celtic Jam serenaded participants in the Highland Yard as they walked, ran, and wheeled by Sunday morning.



Jane Jaycock leads a warm-up exercise for Highland Yard participants before the event begins on Sunday morning.

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Heaven to compete in national kayaking championships

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

When recent Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate Coleman Heaven speaks about his interest in kayaking it goes back to love: for the sport and for his father.

He started whitewater kayaking several years ago because of his older cousin James Mildon, but he stayed in the sport because of his father, Paul.

“My dad got into it with me and we took it on together, learned how to [kayak] roll. My dad and I would go to the river like every day for a couple of hours and just paddle. We did that for many years and now it’s kind of like when I come home: ‘Hey, Dad! You want to go kayaking?’ He still loves to paddle. It’s great,” Coleman said.

His father even made the trip with Coleman to Alberta when it hosted nationals last year.

“He’s always been my paddling guy,” he said.

The freestyle kayaker is looking to take his passion and compete against the best paddlers in the country, who are coming to his home turf at the Gull River at the 2019 Canoe Kayak Whitewater National Championships from Aug. 14 to 18.

The local teen is very familiar with the venue, particularly Earl’s Hole.

“I know that feature really well. I grew up on that feature. That’s where I learned how to kayak so I think I’ll have an added advantage of being able to do that,” he said.

He’s been paddling the river there for the past seven years. It’s given him confidence based on knowledge of the water under all different conditions, taking into account weather, water flow and height. This will prove invaluable to know where and when to initiate tricks.

Heaven will have added motivation when he competes on Friday, Aug. 16, since he missed out on a podium finish by one spot in last year’s national championships and is set to age out of juniors. He said the upcoming championship is an opportunity for “redemption” by earning a podium finish.

“I don’t care too much if it’s first, second or third, but I definitely would love to taste the podium, especially since it’s my last year in junior. That’s my goal for competition. I’d love to be top-three, but again, we’ll see how it goes,” he said.

As team trials are every two years, he’ll be aiming for the



Recent HHSS graduate Coleman Heaven, who is seen competing last year at the national junior freestyle kayak championship in Alberta, is looking for "redemption" after missing the podium and is focused on a podium finish at the upcoming 2019 Canoe Kayak Whitewater National Championships from Aug. 14 to 18 at the Minden Wild Water Preserve, located on Horseshoe Lake Road in Minden. Heaven will compete in the junior freestyle kayak competition on Friday, Aug. 16 and sees being at home an advantage. Submitted by Paul Heaven

podium without the benefit of a spot with the junior national team like last year.

He also hopes to compete next year and earn a top-five finish in open division for men to make the national team so he can compete at the World Championships in Nottingham in 2021.

Coleman has been preparing for this championship by executing tricks while on flat water near his place of work on the Ottawa River.

Scoring for freestyle kayaking, he said, is like freestyle skiing.

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Clean audit for Minden Hills

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a July 25 meeting of Minden Hills council.

The township received a clean audit from Oscar Poloni, KPMG auditor, who presented to council on the 2018 financial statements. The total financial assets have increased from \$10.7 million in 2017 to \$11 million in 2018, according to Poloni's report summary.

"Accounts receivable (including taxes receivable) are consistent at \$1.92 million in 2018 compared to \$1.95 million in 2017," reads the report.

Poloni said council has a healthy community given that people are paying their taxes, and that the township is "doing a good job from a collection perspective as well."

According to his report, accounts payable and accrued liabilities have decreased by \$104,000, "reflecting lower capital and tax requisition payables offset by higher deposits and insurance settlement amounts." Poloni said there was a "fairly significant increase" with respect to insurance deductibles and settlements to \$255,834 in 2018 from \$85,000 in 2017, noting "there's a number of claims that have been made against the town," including accidents like falls.

Total revenues have gone up by about \$700,000 from \$12.4 million in 2017 to \$13.1 million in 2018, which reflects a \$654,000 increase in property taxation rev-

enue and \$279,000 increase in provincial grants. Total expenses have increased by about \$300,000 from \$11.1 million in 2017 to \$11.4 million in 2018, due to a \$65,000 decrease in OPP costs; \$81,000 increase in amortization expense for transportation and \$62,000 increase in transportation consultant costs with respect to roads needs studies and other projects.

Plan to purchase waste facilities excavator

Travis Wilson, director of public works, presented to council on formal quotes for the lease or purchase of an excavator for township waste facilities, after a direction from council at a June 13 meeting to do so.

Toromont Caterpillar priced the purchase of a 316F model at \$261,591 and a 4.4 per cent lease rate, while Nortrax Canada offered a 160G model at a cost of \$291,500 and a 4.7 per cent lease rate.

Staff recommended purchasing the Caterpillar 316F – which includes the comprehensive warranty and maintenance program, hydraulic plate packer, 36" bucket with hydraulic thumb and a 60" hydraulic tilt bucket – at a total cost of \$261,041, plus \$550 administrative lease fee for a total of \$261,591 plus HST.

"Staff recommend proceeding with a 48-month lease on the machine at a rate of 4.4 per cent," reads Wilson's report. "The monthly payment exclusive of HST is \$5,931 per month. The total interest paid over the 48 months equates to \$23,129."

Staff did not recommend using reserves

to purchase the excavator, but rather using the availability of cash reserves to finance the purchase internally at the 4.4 per cent interest rate over 48 months, placing interest earned from the internal financing back into landfill reserves for future operational or capital purchases.

At the June meeting, staff recommended the excavator to allow staff to clean up the waste facility sites, compact bins, place cover, repair issues and provide ongoing landfill maintenance without arranging for a contractor to be on site.

Mattress recycling

A mattress recycling program for the Scotch Line waste facility will allow for old mattresses and box springs to be stripped down into various components, with recyclable materials being sorted and reused to create thermal isolation, mulch, carpet underlay, metal products and other items.

"Historically, the township has ground old mattresses and landfilled them, taking up valuable space," said Travis Wilson, director of public works.

Recyc-Mattress Inc. provided a quote of \$1,700 for a 53-foot trailer on-site for five days and transportation of mattresses and box springs to their North York facility. The processing of mattresses and box springs would cost \$12 each. Wilson noted a lot of manual labour is involved.

"Best practices estimate a 53-foot trailer may hold between 125-190 mattresses/box springs," reads Wilson's report, noting that staff anticipates one to two loads – or approximately 125 to 380 mattresses/box

springs, making for a cost of \$3,200 up to \$7,960 for processing. Staff recommended landfill reserves be used, as the cost of the program was not included in the 2019 budget.

A discussion on winter sand

Staff sought direction from council regarding the provision of winter sand for public use, which is offered to residents during the winter season for their private driveways. During the 2018/2019 winter season, approximately 1,700 tonnes of winter sand was supplied, at a total cost of \$26,400 for the sand and transportation of the sand to the Minden patrol yard by Francis Thomas Contracting as well as for salt that is mixed with the sand.

Wilson said staff and some ratepayers are concerned that residents from outside the township are taking sand that is intended only for Minden Hills residents, residents taking more than the allocated amount of sand, and contractors, businesses and agencies taking the sand for their own maintenance services from the arena parking lot, where it is usually offered.

Wilson said neighbouring municipalities – including the municipality of Dysart et al, the township of Algonquin Highlands, and the towns of both Bracebridge and Bancroft supply sand from public works yards and have similar issues, while some, like the city of Peterborough and City of Kawartha Lakes don't supply sand at all. The munic-

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Concerns about abuse of winter sand

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pality of Trent Lakes is changing to supply sand from transfer stations that are gated after hours, with residents showing a card

upon entry.

Councillor Bob Carter said the option to distribute sand from the landfill “seems to make perfect sense.” Citing a comment from the township’s auditor earlier in the

meeting, that those who use municipal services the most can afford them the least, he said he’d like to see the service continue.

“I think this is kind of one of the nice things that we do, and I wouldn’t want to

just get rid of it without us really taking a look at it,” he said. “There has to be a place that we own or control where we can do it for the next year, whether it be at one of the yards, or wherever.”

Further discussion regarding the sand will be had at an upcoming council meeting.

New tourism website in the works

A destination/tourism website exclusive to Minden Hills is closer to being online after council approved a recommendation from Emily Stonehouse, economic development, destination and marketing officer, to pursue an agreement with Sandbox Software Solutions.

A joint request for proposal for new website designs between the township, the county and the municipality of Highlands East was issued in April, with submissions being due a month later, in May. “Six proposals were received, and were measured through an intense scoring process, consisting of ratings in accessibility, ease of navigation, design, format, and financial implications,” reads the report from Stonehouse. “The Township of Minden Hills had an additional section built into the scoring system, which highlighted experience specific to catering to the destination/tourism sector, as well as the ease of creating a business directory to highlight local businesses and entrepreneurs.”

The average price of the six proponents for the Minden Hills destination/tourism site was \$41,316. The offer by Sandbox was the second-lowest financial offer, coming in at \$22,264 plus HST. Other costs include additional licensing at \$2,474 plus HST per year, website hosting at \$299 plus HST per year and annual monthly maintenance and support at \$5,520 plus HST per year.

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The annual Canning Lake Property Owners' Association fun day included games for children and a barbecue.

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Key to kayaking success: have fun

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"You don't have to do any specific trick, but you have 45 seconds in the hole to do as many tricks as you can. You can only do one trick once and then you get bonuses if you can link the tricks together," he said. The greater the flow for a 45 second routine, the greater the bonus points.

Among the tricks that could be performed at the freestyle national competition are a front loop, a space Godzilla, McNasty, lunar orbit, a back loop and a phonics monkey.

Heaven said the tricks possess different values for difficulty and are assigned points based on execution, or air out of the water for a trick.

He said the type of tricks he will perform will come down to the day, but his approach is to perform tricks with an ascending level of difficulty, and once he has a solid foundation of points he will look to execute high level of difficulty tricks such as a phonics monkey, which is among the higher point value tricks. The trick is a 360 degree pirouette on the bow of the kayak into a front aerial flip.

"It's pretty sweet to see. You don't see it too much in competition because it's quite tricky, but I would love to put it down. Especially in junior. You see it more in open men's," he said.

If his attempt at a challenging, high scoring trick isn't successful, the strategy won't leave him needing more points.

Last year, he remembers how there was a preliminary round with two 45-second runs with both counting towards a top-10 berth to the semi-finals. There was a pair of runs again (possibly three) and the cumulative score counted towards a

top-five final berth. In the finals, there were three runs and the best counted to the final result.

Hosted by Canoe Kayak Canada and Whitewater Ontario at the Minden Wild Water Preserve on the Gull River, located off Horseshoe Lake Road, the multi-day championship will include freestyle and slalom racing.

The event's competition will begin on Aug. 14 with the Downriver Classic and Sprint Race, which is from Horseshoe Falls to Otter Slide. The next day the extreme slalom race will be start at noon and end at 3 p.m. The freestyle nationals at Earl's Hole on the river are on Friday, commencing at 10 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. At the same time, from 11 a.m. to noon is the under-12 slalom race.

The semi-final at 9:30 a.m. and the finals at noon will be held on Sunday to conclude the championships, which will determine national champions for males and females in each discipline, including award paddlers with the Overall Best paddler (best combined scores from all disciplines for males and females), the Andrew Westlake Memorial Award (top three female and male paddlers in the junior kayak 1 on Saturday), the Christa Kerckhoff Cup (fastest female paddler from open nationals on Sunday) and the Podium Prospect Award (best combined scores from slalom and wildwater).

According to an event page on Facebook, volunteers are needed for the event. Find a link on their Facebook page by searching 2019 Canoe Kayak Whitewater National Championships.

Heaven appreciates freestyle for its blend of the creative aspect, performing tricks and the adrenaline rush that comes with riding the waves.

"There's really not any limitations to what you can do. It's all fair game. You get every opportunity to do anything. You've got 45 seconds to put together whatever ride you want," he said. "You can spend a day at a wave or a hole with good friends laughing, trying tricks over and over again. It's just a fun thing to do. It's not like some other sports [where you have to] perform hard, rigid training and it almost takes the fun out of it."

When asked what attributes a person needs to do what he does, he said it comes down to comfort.

"You got to be very comfortable in water ... you're going to have bad days and going to have good days too. If you're not having fun even on your bad days you're not going to enjoy it, right? You always have to be able to go out with a growth mindset and just be able to have good time no matter what happens that day," he said.

Heaven is attending Queen's University and will be studying engineering this autumn.

Before he does, he is teaching teens from 13 to 17 kayaking on the Ottawa River this summer, inspiring other young people like him at the Ottawa kayak school. He has enjoyed his time working, getting to paddle every day and "[trying] to inspire their passion for water like how I have. It's fun to watch them grow," he said.

He said the public should come out, enjoy the atmosphere and be prepared to be amazed at the high level of kayaking in real life.

"It's just a great time ... It'll be cool to watch what people can do in a kayak," he said.

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Sue Shikaze, co-artistic director of the Haliburton County Folk Society's concert series along with Kate Hall, unveiled this year's lineup at Canoe FM on Aug. 1. Danny Michel, Irish Mythen, My Son the Hurricane and Big Little Lions will all be part of this year's series as well as Homemade Stew. /JENN WATT Staff

Not your average folk: concert series unveils lineup

by JENN WATT
Editor

Folk music isn't always played by a solo

musician at the microphone strumming on a guitar; it can also include elements of hip hop, funk, blues and roots. The Haliburton County Folk Society's concert series this

year aims to deliver a well-rounded lineup of musicians, with traditional folk sounds as well as ones geared to getting the audience on the dance floor.

"One of the things we've been aiming to do ...we're trying to broaden what people understand to be folk music," Sue Shikaze, co-artistic director of the concert series, said at the launch event at Canoe FM on Aug. 1.

This year's series includes two solo performances, a group and a duo as well as the annual Homemade Stew concert featuring local performers.

First up is Danny Michel, a singer/songwriter/producer/filmmaker whose most recent album was recorded on a Russian icebreaker in the far north with Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield. Michel toured with Stuart McLean and the Vinyl Cafe and has been nominated for several Juno awards. He performs Friday, Sept. 20 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion as part of Hike Haliburton.

On Nov. 9, a folk festival favourite, Irish Mythen, will be at the Highland Hills United Church in Minden. Originally from Ireland and now residing in Prince Edward Island, one of the artistic directors of the Mariposa Folk Festival said she was one of the top three most-requested musicians to return. "We are thrilled that she'll be joining and I'm sure she'll fill the church," Shikaze said.

Homemade Stew is planned for Feb. 1 and will be at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

The "multi-horn, multi-drummer, multi-singer, brass/funk/dance beast" that is My Son the Hurricane will be taking over the Haliburton Legion on Saturday, April 18. Room will be made for attendees to get out on the dance floor. "You cannot sit still listening to these guys play," said Shikaze, adding later: "I think this will be a great way to say goodbye to winter and blow into the spring."

The series wraps up with Big Little Lions on May 30, venue to be announced. The duo write songs long distance, with Helen Austin living in British Columbia and Paul Otten in Ohio.

"They are described as a blissful marriage of new folk and sophisticated pop packed with emotion and tight harmonies. I think they'll be really fun," she said.

Each year, committee members scope out potential new artists to bring to Haliburton

through music festivals and Folk Music Ontario, which Barrie Martin describes as a "trade show for folk music."

From the hundreds of musicians attending FMO, members of the Haliburton committee each make their own list of their top 10, come together and work out the logistics of who to bring to the Highlands.

The folk society has been working to offer a broader range of experiences, hoping to attract more people to the shows.

"The folk society made a very conscious effort a couple of years ago to increase diversity in our audience especially," said folk society president Thom Lambert. "In that vein, we've increased the diversity of ... both what we offer and where we offer it."

In addition to broadening the definition of folk music, that means the committee has also chosen different venues, with some concerts in the sit-down format at the Pavilion and Minden church, while also planning shows for the Legion, which has more space for dancing, and the curling club for licensed events.

The folk society also organizes the Home Routes concerts, which take place at private residences in the county from October through May. They're currently looking for hosts for this year. You need to have space for 30 people and be willing to host the musicians overnight, and provide them with dinner and breakfast.

To buy individual tickets or a series pass for the 2019-2020 concert series, go to haliburtonfolk.com. Danny Michel tickets (\$25 for non-members, \$20 for members) are also available at Halco Electronics in Haliburton or On the Spot Variety in Minden.

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Answers on page 22

2019 HomeRoutes Performers

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| Wednesday, Oct. 23 | – Katie Moore, QC (duo) |
| Sunday, Nov. 17 | – Paul Mills & David Bradstreet, ON (duo) |
| Tuesday, Feb. 4 | – Rakish, MA |
| Wednesday, March 4 | – Hoot & Holler, CA |
| Thursday, April 2 | – Alan Gerber, QC |
| Friday, May 1 | – Frank & Allie Lee, NC |



Tour de Forest

Paul R. Rolfe stands with some of the bowls he's created during the annual Tour de Forest studio tour on Aug. 4. Rolfe, whose woodturning studio is located along Highway 118 between West Guilford and Carnarvon fashions bowls and other items out of any number of species of tree, most of them found in the woods of the Haliburton Highlands. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Heather Salzman displays some of her fused glass pieces during Tour de Forest on Aug. 4. Salzman's studio, Nature's Glory Glass Studio, is located in Kirkfield.



Barbara Hart with one of her paintings at her home studio off Wigamog Road during the annual Tour de Forest. Hart paints in a number of mediums including watercolours, acrylics and oils.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT PLZBA2019033

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as 9A Bobcaygeon Road and located in Part of Lot 1, Concession 'A', in the Geographic Township of Anson (see Key Map below).

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Highway Commercial Exception Two (C1-2). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Residential Type Two Exception Fourteen (R2-14) Zone. The effect of the site-specific amendment is to allow for a multiple dwelling containing 9 dwelling units whereas 6 units would otherwise be permitted, and to reduce the frontage and parking requirements from 18 parking stalls and 63m. (206'8") of frontage to 16 stalls and 45.7m. (150') of frontage respectively.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLZBA2019033

Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street during normal office hours and online at www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at iclending@mindenhills.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

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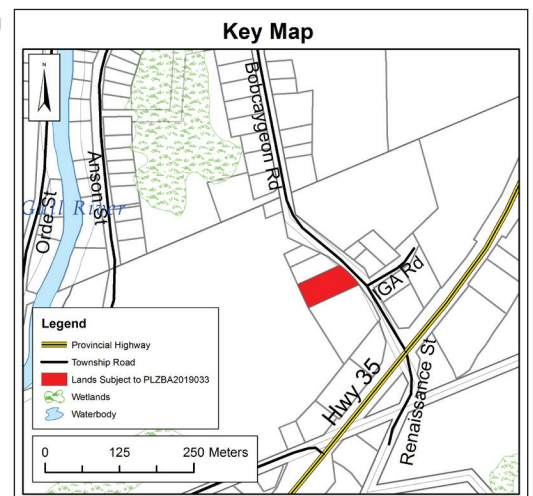
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We cannot guarantee the exact time the Public Meeting will commence as the time may vary depending on the number of items on the agenda and the complexity of each matter brought forward.



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Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St, Haliburton
When: Friday, Aug. 9
Time: doors open 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Admission: early bird \$30, after July 9 \$35
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Summer Speaker: Dr. Dan Longboat
When: Saturday, Aug. 10, 7 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St, Minden
What: Summer Speaker Event, Dr. Dan Longboat: "A Way of Life: Indigenous Knowledge to Sustain the World"
Cost: \$15 at the door or online at www.environmenthaliburton.ca. For more info: 705-854-3355

Canning Lake Association: Ice Cream Float Day
When: Saturday, Aug. 10, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Eagle, Moose Lake Property Owners Association EMLPOA General Meeting
When: Saturday, Aug. 10 at 10 a.m.
Where: Sir Sams Inn
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When: Sunday, Aug. 11 at 2 p.m.
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Lee Ross
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Love Fest is happening this Saturday, Aug. 10 on West Harvey Avenue in Dorset. The festivities begin at 10 a.m. and go until 7 p.m, admission by donation. Vendors include Living Libations, Avi Handmade Clothing, Willowfern, Blackbird Pottery, Felt, Muskoka Tye Dye, 7th Monkey Designs, Mixtape Vintage, The Jibe Shack, Love Pottery and more! Love Fest is perfect for the entire family. For the kids there will be games, bubbles, face painting, magic tricks and other kid-friendly activities. Follow Love Fest on Instagram for updates and lead-up buzz @love.fest.dorset Let us know you're coming on our Facebook event. Love Fest Email: lovefestdorset@gmail.com.

There's still time to donate to Karin's Kawagama Swim for Moorelands Camp. Visit the Facebook page for more information on how to do so. As of Aug. 5, Karin is two thirds done her swim to help raise money to send less privileged Toronto kids to camp. She is almost halfway to her goal of \$23,500.


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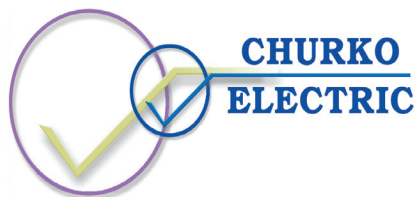
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Please see page 2

Barefoot skiing

Barefoot skiing is growing in popularity right across the country, but there's no better place to learn the sport than right here in Haliburton County.

Please see pages 6 and 7.

New home

After months of searching, CHACE Place in Minden will finally be able to get a new permanent home with the help of a substantial provincial grant that was announced last week.

Please see page 11.

Shining example

The village of Minden is a shining example to the rest of the country of how a community should band together to combat racism in our society. So says Lorne Shipman, National Project Co-ordinator for B'Nai B'rith.

County to face off with minister

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

County Council is meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs this week to discuss the implications of the province's plan to restructure county govern-

ments.

John Eakins, Minister of Municipal Affairs and MPP for Victoria-Haliburton, is meeting with the councillors tomorrow (Tuesday) to hear their concerns about the proposed restructuring.

In January of this year, the ministry released a report prepared by a consultation committee which recommended ways to strengthen the county government system. At that time, Eakins asked for local govern-

ments, both at the county and municipal level, to respond to the report and its recommendations.

One of the recommendations which could have the greatest effect on Haliburton County suggests that

municipalities have a minimum population of 4,000 people in order to effectively provide services. Of Haliburton's 10 municipalities, only Dysart et al comes

(more on page 10)



One of the many attractions at the Stanhope Fun Day on Saturday was pioneer living. A meal was cooked on an open fire to the delight of the many visitors.

Hospital hopes are fading but Eakins still optimistic

Hopes are rapidly fading for the Ministry of Health's funding for the addition of the much-needed 18 chronic care beds at the Haliburton Hospital, but Victoria-Haliburton MPP John Eakins suggests it's not yet time to give up.

The provincial government is still concerned that Haliburton's health care needs be met and says he is optimistic they will be met. He said he is working to get Health Minister Elinor Caplan up to the county in the very near future to talk about Haliburton's needs. He specifically mentioned the chronic care beds as well as other measures of preventative medicine.

A story in last Wednesday's Globe and Mail sparked new speculation that the planned expansion to the Haliburton Hospital would be scuttled. The Globe

reported that the ministry's 1986 pledge to spend \$850 million to create 4,400 new hospital beds across the province has "been overtaken by fresh thinking." Instead of the additional beds, the Globe reports, the ministry is reconsidering its approach toward placing old people in institutions.

Responding to the report in the Globe, Helen Wilcox, chairman of the board of St. Joseph's Hospital, said she is disheartened by the news. "I really worry about what will happen to the patients," she said.

With more and more seniors moving to the Highlands each year to spend their retirement years, the need for new beds here is continually increasing, said Wilcox. "Looking down the road, you wonder

More on page 16.

Cabinet shuffle is not a worry for John Eakins

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Victoria-Haliburton's MPP is not concerned about recent speculation that he may soon lose his Cabinet position as Minister of Municipal Affairs.

A report in Wednesday's Toronto Star says Ontario Premier David Peterson is expected to announce a cabinet shuffle by mid-August and according to sources John Eakins may be relieved of his cabinet position.

Eakins told *The Times* that he doesn't know what Peterson has in mind, but a cabinet shuffle would be a great opportunity to get other members of the Liberal caucus involved.

He said he wouldn't be disappointed if replaced and said introducing other people into the Cabinet would be a "wise move."

Eakins has been the Minister of Municipal Affairs for the past two years and prior to that he served two years as Minister of Tourism and Recreation. He says he's proud of his record during the four years he served in Cabinet and points to some of his accomplishments. While he was Minister of Tourism and Recreation, Eakins said he created some of the best initiatives that portfolio has developed and was supported by the people in Haliburton.

As Minister of Municipal Affairs, Eakins says he's overseen the "greatest reforms in the history" of that ministry, especially the current reform of county government. "I'm delighted that my objectives are being accomplished," Eakins says.

Cabinet responsibilities are very time consuming, says Eakins, and as Minister of Municipal Affairs he has a very demanding schedule. He admitted there are moments when he wished he had more time for other pursuits.

According to the Star, Eakins represents the Liberal old guard who were rewarded with Cabinet positions in appreciation of their service during the long Progressive Conservative reign under Premier Bill Davis. But Eakins says a cabinet shuffle doesn't necessarily mean he's on his way out of Queen's Park.

The next provincial election is slated for 1991, and Eakins says he hasn't made up his mind whether he will run again or not. He says if he is removed from cabinet it will not necessarily influence his decision one way or another.

Eakins has been Victoria-Haliburton's MPP since 1975 when he defeated Conservative Glen Hodgson.

The Star's sources also indicate that Minister of Natural Resources Vince Kerrio will be removed from Cabinet. Kerrio recently became involved in Haliburton's water levels issue and is considered an ally in the effort to construct addition reservoir capacity.



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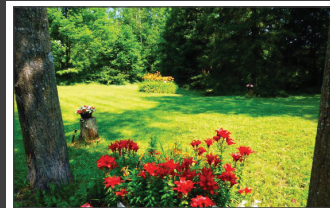
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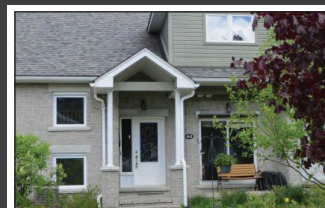
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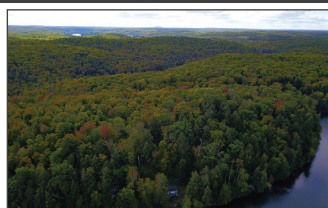
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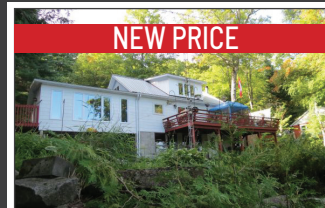
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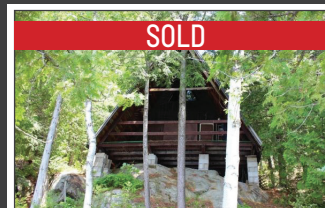
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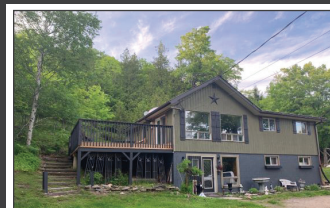
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